Status and initial science results based on use of the VIIRS+CrIS fusion radiance product

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- clearly document, at a minimum, Terra/Aqua/S-NPP+ continuity products
- summarize key findings, algorithms, uncertainties, etc.
- currently 8 papers published (4 from CERES); 2 more in review

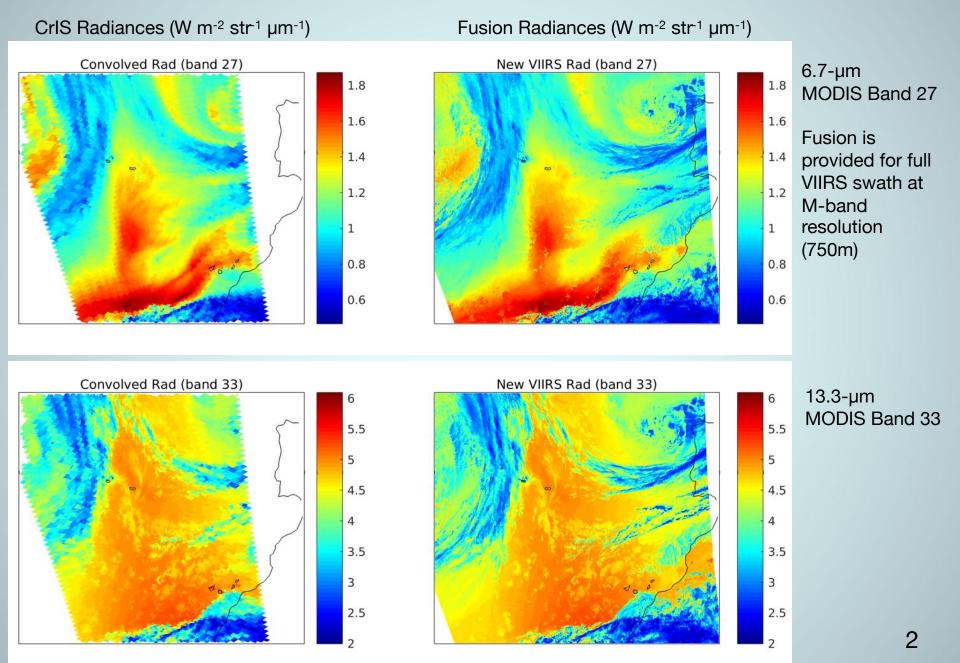
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Relevant details:

- New papers accepted until end of 2020
- No page limit
- Papers will be published as soon as they complete the review process
- Review process moves very quickly; be prepared for this
- Cost is 1800 Swiss francs (about \$1850 USD)

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Fusion Provides MODIS-like IR Channels for VIIRS



Fusion products (V1) are now operational for both S-NPP and NOAA-20: Search for "VIIRS CrIS data fusion"

The relevant Aqua MODIS-like IR radiance channels (MODIS channels 23,24,25, 27,28,30,31,32,33,34,35,36) are provided in a VIIRS Level 2 granule (NetCDF4).

Additionally, VIIRS (measured – fusion) brightness temperature differences are included for VIIRS M15 and M16 → Necessary for Optimal Estimation methods.

The VIIRS+CrIS Fusion product page (overview/documentation):

https://ladsweb.modaps.eosdis.nasa.gov/missions-and-measurements/science-domain/viirs-cris-fusion

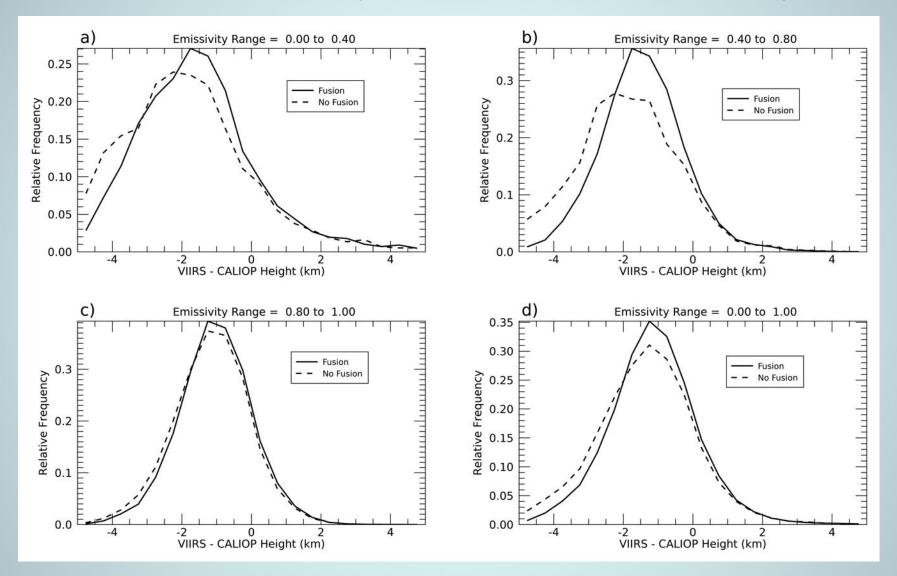
Direct access to the S-NPP VIIRS+CrIS fusion product archive:

https://ladsweb.modaps.eosdis.nasa.gov/archive/allData/5110/FSNRAD_L2_VIIRS_CRIS_SNPP

Direct access to the NOAA-20 VIIRS+CrIS fusion product archive:

https://ladsweb.modaps.eosdis.nasa.gov/archive/allData/5110/FSNRAD_L2_VIIRS_CRIS_NOAA20

Suomi-NPP ACHA – CALIPSO comparisons for ice cloud heights *No fusion*: 8.5, 11, 12 μm. *With fusion*: 8.5, 11, 12 & **13.3** μm



Li, Y., Baum, B. A., Heidinger, A. K., Menzel, W. P., and Weisz, E., 2020: Improvement in cloud retrievals from VIIRS through the use of infrared absorption channels constructed from VIIRS-CrIS data fusion, *Atmos. Meas. Tech.*, **13**, 4035-4059, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-13-4035-2020.

Zonal averages of S-NPP CTH differences (VIIRS-CALIOP) for ice clouds *No fusion*: 8.5, 11, 12 μm. *With fusion*: 8.5, 11, 12 & **13.3** μm

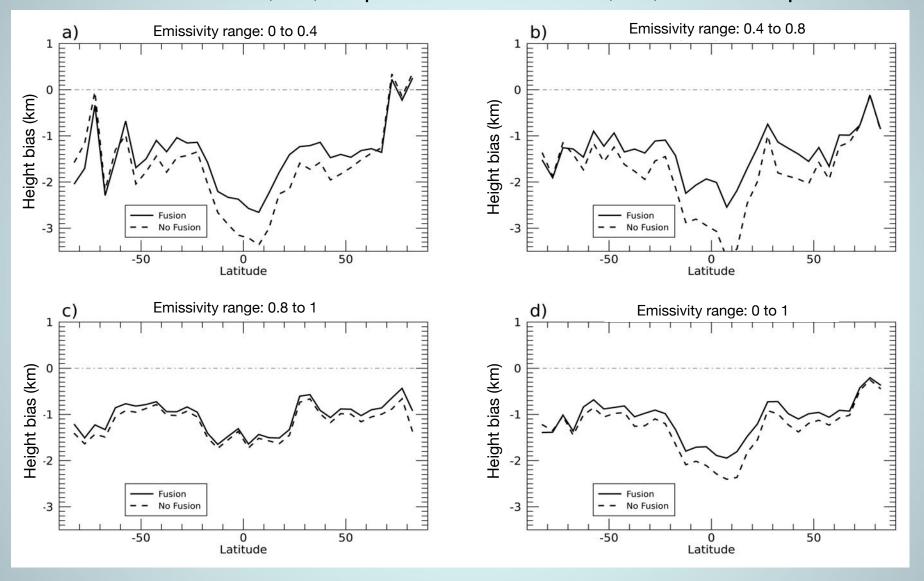


Figure from Li et al. (2020)

TPW from fusion is in line with Aqua MODIS product

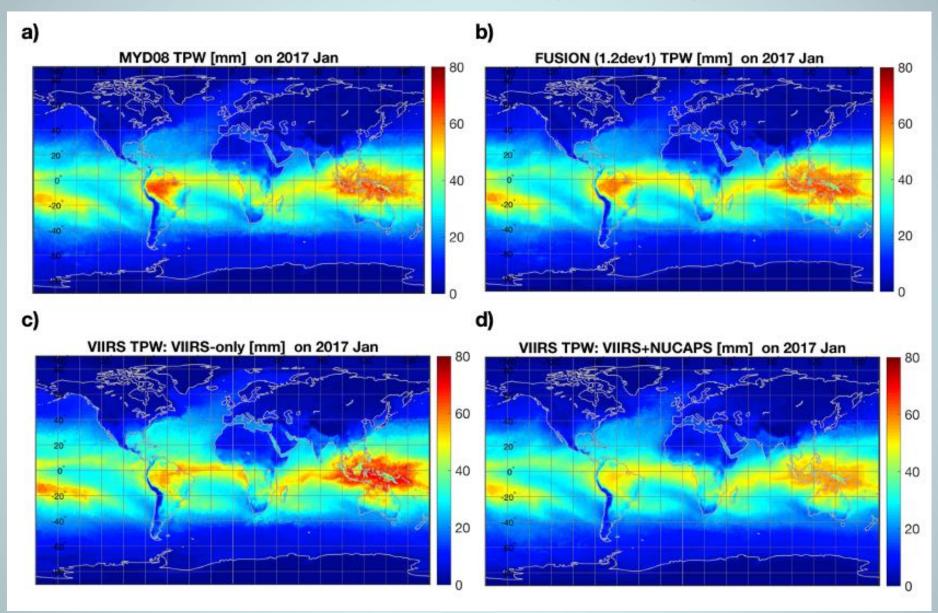
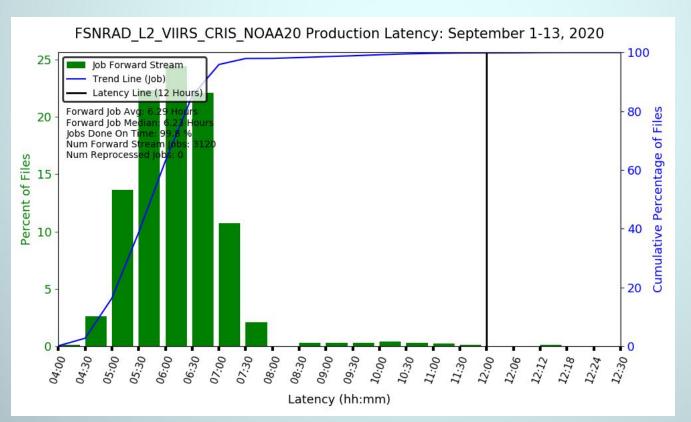


Figure from Borbas, Weisz, Moeller, Menzel, and Baum: Improvement in tropospheric moisture retrievals from VIIRS through the use of infrared absorption bands constructed from VIIRS and CrIS data fusion. In review, *Atmos. Meas. Tech. Disc.*, https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-2020-248.

VIIRS+CrIS Product Availability

- 1. VIIRS Warm-Up, Cool-Down calibration periods present the greatest loss of fusion product (more to follow on this)
- 2. Otherwise, loss of fusion product appears to be due to the unavailability of VIIRS granules that were not present in the Atmosphere SIPS archive at the time of production. We are looking into backfilling the gaps.
- 3. Missing CrIS granules are not an issue but note the loss of the MWIR data (water vapor bands) on S-NPP between March 26 at 18:27 UTC June 6, 2019. We were able to construct the other MODIS-like channels during this period (MODIS bands 23-25, 30, 33-36).



From A-SIPS in-house production monitoring infrastructure

Fusion Product Latency

Product generation to confirmed delivery at LAADS

Snapshot for June, July, August 2020

	Production Latency (Hrs)				Uploaded Delivery Latency (Hrs)		Confirmed Delivery (Hrs)	
	SNPP		NOAA-20		SNPP	NOAA-20	SNPP	NOAA-20
	Avg	Median	Avg	Median	Avg	Avg	Avg	Avg
June	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.4
July	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.3	6.7	6.5
August	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.4	6.8	6.6

Delivery to LAADS occurs right after production

- ~ 20 minutes after the SIPS creates a granule, LAADS has it
- ~ 20 minutes after LAADS has a granule, it's available in CMR (common metadata repository)

Delivery times are fairly consistent from month to month

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2020 99% available

NOAA-20 Fusion Production Stats

For NOAA-20: the failure rate is ~ 0.1%.

Appears to be a WUCD period in March 2018; maybe another in February 2018 after VIIRS just became operational.

We are investigating the occasional loss of fusion granules in the record.

Just learned that the A-SIPS periodically checks with the Land SIPS to fill in gaps

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S-NPP Fusion Production Stats

For Suomi-NPP: the failure rate is < 2% since 2012.

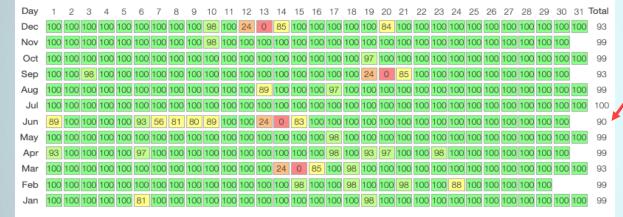
Primary cause of missing fusion granules corresponds with periodic VIIRS Warm-Up, Cool-Down (WUCD) calibration maneuver.

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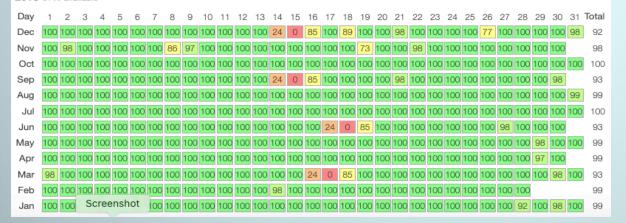
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2016 97% available



2015 97% available

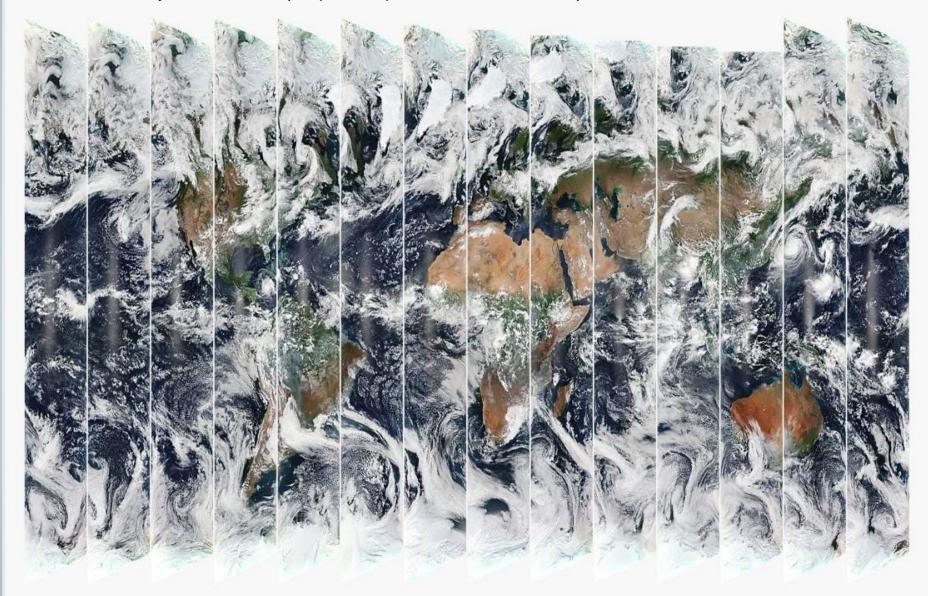


S-NPP Fusion Production Stats 2015-2017

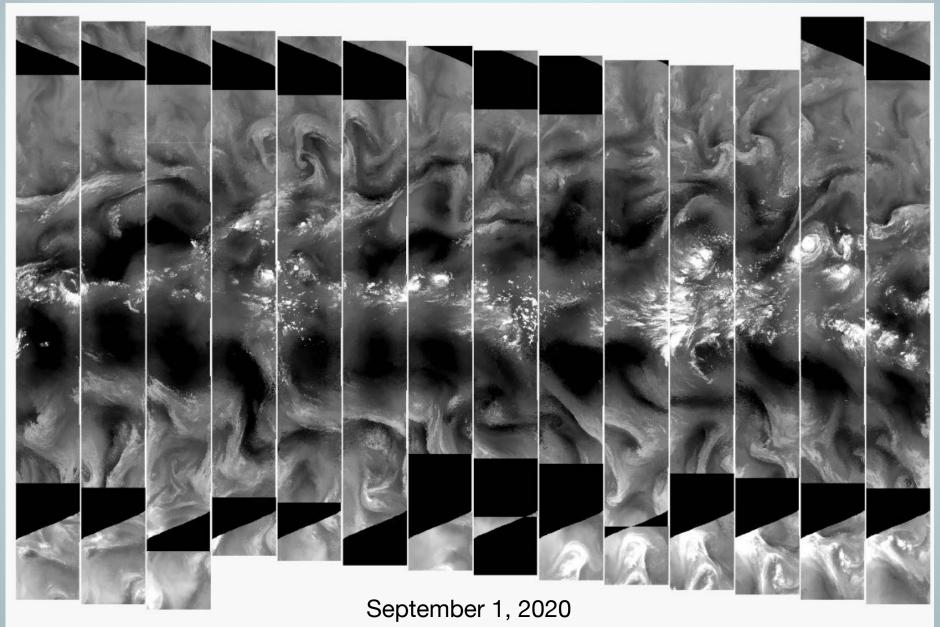
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Current focus for testing is on June 2016, the worst month of coverage in the S-NPP record

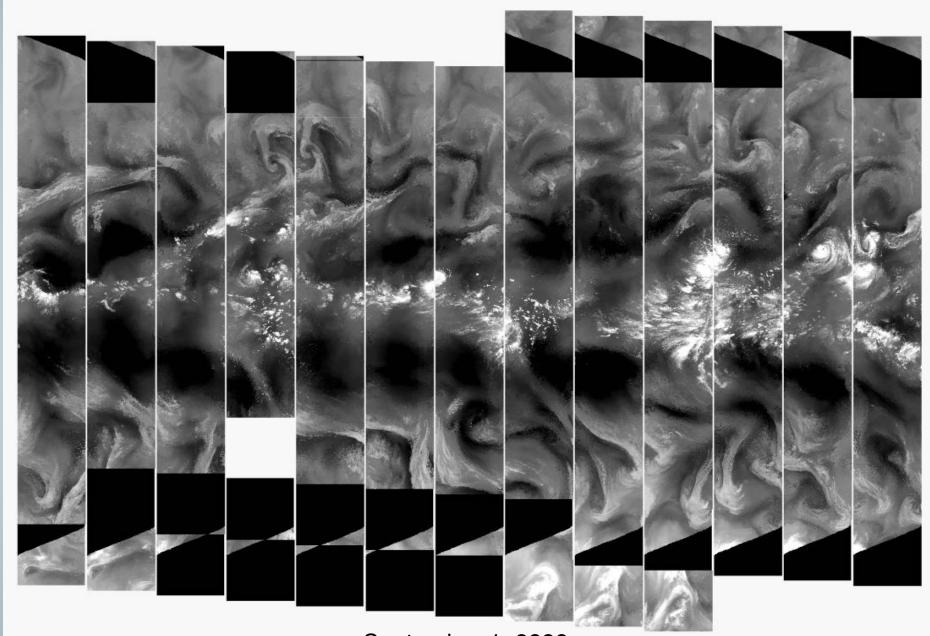
Quicklook Granule Viewer: S-NPP VIIRS true color Atmosphere SIPS (https://sips.ssec.wisc.edu/) → Products → Quicklooks



Quicklook Granule Viewer: S-NPP VIIRS 6.7-µm Fusion Channel Daytime

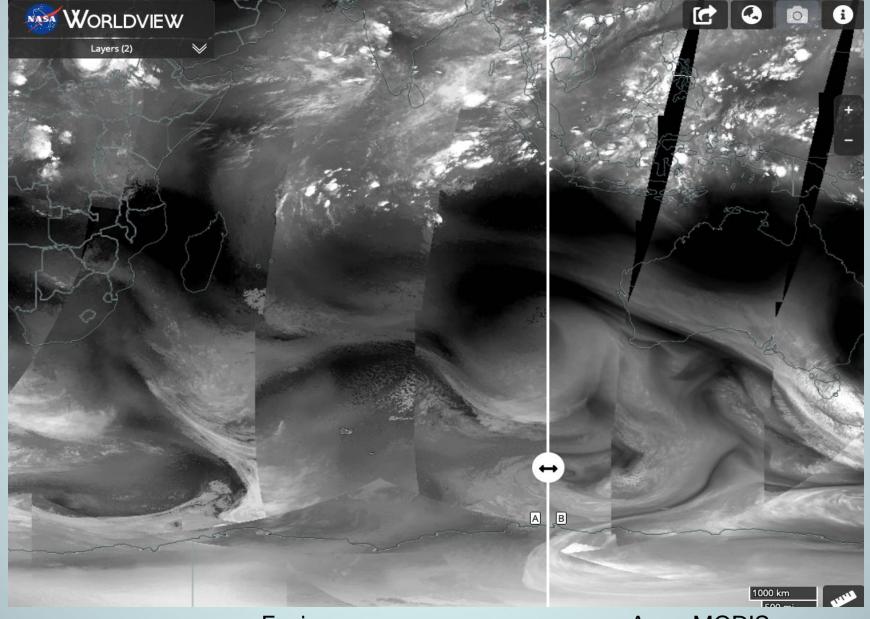


Quicklook Granule Viewer: NOAA-20 VIIRS 6.7-µm Fusion Channel Daytime



September 1, 2020

Worldview: Compare Fusion to Aqua MODIS September 9, 2020; Band 27 (6.7 µm); Night



Fusion Aqua MODIS

Summary

The full records of the fusion product S-NPP and NOAA-20 are now available at the NASA LAADS DAAC:

https://ladsweb.modaps.eosdis.nasa.gov/missions-and-measurements/science-domain/viirs-cris-fusion/

The relevant Aqua MODIS-like IR radiance channels (MODIS channels 23-25, 27, 28, 30–36) are provided in a VIIRS Level 2 granule (NetCDF4).

Also provide brightness temperature differences (VIIRS – VIIRS fusion) for M-bands 15 and 16 (split window); useful for uncertainty estimates

The VIIRS L2 granule is 6 minutes; very similar format to Level-1B

Now working on Version 2:

- latest VIIRS & CrIS calibration
- filling in data gaps as much as possible
- improving methodology